



**Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Mid-Atlantic**

# **SAFETY ALERT**

**Incident Types:** Failure to follow excavation safety procedures

**Damage:** Property and equipment

**Type of Work:** Excavation

**Equipment:** Front end loaders/excavation equipment



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**DESCRIPTION OF THE INCIDENTS:** Recent increases in excavation incidences show a trend towards possible serious/fatal excavation incidences that require immediate attention of all FEAD and ROICC offices. Incidents have resulted in damage to government property and contractor property, possible injury to contractor personnel.

**DIRECT CAUSE:** Competent person not performing or following daily checklist Scoping requirements of specifications not being followed. Failure to follow safety requirements of contract specifications, failure to follow Em-385 and OSHA 1926 requirements, failure to follow utility or scoping requirements, incomplete or inaccurate AHA's

**INDIRECT CAUSE:** Inattention to work by operators. Digging too close to existing utilities and not using hand tools or hand digging within the required distance from known utilities.

**ACTIONS REQUIRED:** All hands Safety Training to cover excavation safety information attached. Use attachments to this alert and in house material if available.